# MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

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TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION UNIVERSITY IMPACT RANKINGS 2023



ACADEMIC RANKINGS OF WORLD UNIVERSITIES (ARWU) 2023

(out of 2,500+ globally ranked universities)



TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2024

(out of 1,900+ globally ranked universities)



#### CENTRALLY LOCATED

McMaster's main campus, located in the Westdale neighbourhood of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, comprises 300 acres of conservation space at the western end of Lake Ontario, between Toronto and Niagara Falls.



#### **RESEARCH-INTENSIVE**

McMaster has been named one of Canada's most research-intensive universities for the last five years.



#### **DIVERSE STUDENT BODY**

In the 2022/2023 Academic year, 17.5% of all McMaster students were international students, from 125 countries.

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# Welcome to Residence!

Residence life at McMaster offers many academic and social benefits through intentional programming focused on building a sense of community. Living in residence gives students the opportunity to connect with other first-year students, gain academic and social skills, while being supported by our live-in Community Advisors and professional Residence Life staff. For more information, visit: housing.mcmaster.ca.

#### **RESIDENCE OPTIONS**

Our 13 residence buildings are located on our central campus within a five-minute walk to classes, athletic facilities, libraries and many dining options. We offer a variety of room types across two different styles of buildings - traditional and apartment/suite style. Prices range from about \$6,250-\$10,500 for an eight-month term.





#### Apartment and Suite Style

- A self-contained apartment or suite with kitchen or kitchenette, washroom and lounge area
- Each student has an individual bedroom within the apartment/suite
- Co-ed buildings
- Minimum of an "Apartment" meal plan required





#### Traditional Style

Single, double and quad rooms are available in a variety of layouts with private, shared or communal washroom options.

Residence is guaranteed

to all first-year

international visa and out-of-province/country

Canadian students!

- Shared lounge and kitchen areas
- All-female building and floors available
- Traditional meal plan required

Floor plans and room layouts may vary.

74% of students will live in double rooms with a roommate.

# **Dining on Campus**

Whether you are living in residence or off-campus, finding a place to eat at McMaster is simple and convenient. With over 18 dining locations on campus, vegetarian/vegan choices, international food menus, nutritious options as well as quick snacks are offered to accommodate diverse student needs. Most food stations provide fresh, made-to-order selections.



All students in residence must purchase a meal plan. We offer four different meal plans to suit your lifestyle and eating habits. Each plan is available in either a Traditional or Apartment option, depending on your residence building assignment. Please visit hospitality.mcmaster.ca for details on meal plan policies.



Providing a selection of international cuisines to cater to a diverse range of palates.



The meal card will act as a debit card, making food purchases simple and convenient. Swipe to purchase and the total will be deducted from the balance



Choose from over 20 off-campus dining vendors, including Boston Pizza, Popeyes, Pita Pit, and more!

#### 2023/24 Meal Plans

	Traditional	Apartment
Α	\$5,120	\$3,200
В	\$5,320	\$3,400
С	\$5,520	\$3,600
D	\$5,720	\$3,800





# Aid & Awards

We've made applying for Aid & Awards simple. Using AwardSpring, you can browse, be matched with and apply to opportunities you're eligible for, all in one place. Complete a personal profile telling us a little bit about yourself and we'll present opportunities that may be right for you. By-application entrance awards open in November. Please visit registrar.mcmaster.ca/aid-awards for the complete list of available Aid & Awards.

#### Over \$20 million in awards.

ranging from \$7,500-\$210,000, for international fee-paying undergraduate students entering in Fall 2024. Whether you are passionate about Business, Engineering, Humanities, Science, or Social Sciences, we are committed to supporting your academic journey and future ambitions.

#### **AUTOMATIC ENTRANCE AWARDS**

Automatic entrance awards are given to the top incoming students based on academic achievement. These awards will be open to both domestic and international applicants and will be calculated using the top six final grades in U/M courses (or equivalent), including those required for admission to the Level I program. Scholarship offers are based on your admission average at the time of your application. Offers are conditional until we receive final grades, which may change your eligibility.

Students can only be eligible for either the Award of Excellence or faculty-specific achievement awards.

For information on the automatic entrance award values, please visit: registrar.mcmaster.ca/entrance-awards

#### The McMaster University Award of Excellence

This \$3,000 award is granted to students with a final admission average in the top 10% of their faculty's incoming class.

#### 2023/2024 Est. Top 10% Admission Avg. by Faculty

Faculty	Estimated Top 10% Admission Averages*
Arts & Science	99%+
DeGroote School of Business	95%+
Engineering	98%+
Health Sciences	99%+
Humanities	94%+
Science	98%+
Social Sciences	94%+

<sup>\*</sup>The listed cut-off percentages are estimated and subject to change, pending the calculation of all final admission averages.

#### Faculty-Specific Achievement Awards

These awards, ranging from \$1,000—\$3,000 are granted to students with a high final admission average as determined by their faculty.

#### **AWARDS BY-APPLICATION**

#### **Brighter World Awards**

- Value: \$5,000 (50 scholarships available).
- Eligibility: Must be a self-identified Black student applying for admission to a Level I program.

#### **Application-Based Entrance Award**

• 28 x \$5,000 entrance award by application open to all faculties, totalling \$140,000.

#### International Students Work Opportunity

- Paid positions for eligible international students.
- Opportunities include: work-study positions, research positions, co-op positions, external options and experiential learning opportunities.

For more information, visit: studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/about-iswo

### Your Investment

2023/24 Estimated International Student Fees\*

	Tuition Fees	Housing (Residence, single room)	Food (Traditional Meal Plan B)	TOTAL
Applied Science (BASc)	\$53,049.90	\$8,350	\$5,320	\$66,719.90
Arts (BA)	\$43,008.00	\$8,350	\$5,320	\$56,678.00
Arts & Science (BArtsSc)	\$45,271.80	\$8,350	\$5,320	\$58,941.80
Commerce (BComm)	\$47,173.20	\$8,350	\$5,320	\$60,843.20
Engineering (BEng)	\$65,428.21	\$8,350	\$5,320	\$79,098.21
Health Science (BHSc)	\$51,445.20	\$8,350	\$5,320	\$65,115.20
Science (BSc)	\$45,271.80	\$8,350	\$5,320	\$58,941.80
Technology (BTech)	\$46,684.20	\$8,350	\$5,320	\$60,354.20

<sup>\*</sup>All fees are in Canadian Dollars (CAD).

Calculate the cost of your university experience by using our cost estimator: future.mcmaster.ca/cost-estimator

## **Undergraduate Degree Programs**

Level I Program (OUAC Code)	Upper-Year Majors	Required Courses*	Anticipated Admissions Range**	Target Enrol.	Notes and Additional Requirements
ARTS & SCIENCE PROGRA	M		- tungo		
Arts & Science I (MX)	Arts & Science can be combined with 32 different subjects from across the university.	English     Mathematics (one of Pre-Calculus, or Calculus)	• Min. 88% required for consideration • IB: Min. of 35	70	Application deadline: January 15, 2024     Mandatory supplementary application deadline: February 1, 2024     Details: artsci.mcmaster.ca
DEGROOTE SCHOOL OF BU	ISINESS				
Business I (MB)	Optional areas of focus:  Accounting  Finance  Human resource management  Information systems  Marketing  Operations management  Strategic management	English     Mathematics (must include Calculus and Pre-Calculus)	• High-80s • IB: 34–35	800	Optional supplementary application deadline: February 1, 2024
Integrated Business and Humanities I (MBH)		English     Mathematics (must include Calculus)	<ul> <li>Min. 88–92% required for consideration</li> <li>IB: Min. of 35</li> </ul>	60	Application deadline: January 15, 2024     Mandatory supplementary application deadline: February 1, 2024     Details: degroote.mcmaster.ca/ibh
ENGINEERING					
Bachelor of Technology: (3 programs)  Automation Systems Engineering Technology (MPT)  Automotive and Vehicle Engineering Technology (MAT)  Biotechnology (MTT)		English     Chemistry     Mathematics (must include Calculus)     Physics	• Min. 80% required for consideration • IB: Min. of 30	240	Each program is a separate program choice on the OUAC application     Application deadline: January 15, 2024     Mandatory supplementary application deadline: January 26, 2024 at noon ET     Mandatory co-op
Computer Science I (MCC or MC) (Co-op and non-co-op)		English     Mathematics (must include Calculus)     Two of: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science or Physics	• Min. 90% required for consideration • IB: Min. of 36	200	Application deadline: January 15, 2024     Mandatory supplementary application deadline: January 26, 2024 at noon ET     Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science or Physics courses depend on curriculum equivalences.
Engineering I (MEC or ME) (Co-op and non-co-op)	Chemical Engineering Chemical Engineering & Bioengineering Civil Engineering Civil Engineering Electrical Engineering Engineering Physics Materials Engineering Mechanical Engineering Software Engineering	English     Chemistry     Mathematics (must include Calculus)     Physics	Min. 87% required for consideration     IB: Min. of 34	900	Application deadline: January 15, 2024     Mandatory supplementary application deadline: January 26, 2024 at noon ET     Applicants with a strong admission average may qualify for free choice of discipline in Level II
INTEGRATED BIOMEDICAL	<b>ENGINEERING AND HEAL</b>	TH SCIENCES (iBIOMEI	) )		
Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Health Sciences I (MEI or MEH) (Co-op and non-co-op)	5-year Bachelor of Engineering and Biomedical Engineering (BEng BME)     4-year Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours), Health, Engineering Science and Entrepreneurship (HESE) Specialization (BHSc (Honours))	English     Chemistry     Mathematics (must include Calculus)     Physics     Biology	Min. 90% required for consideration     IB: Min. of 36	155	Application deadline: January 15, 2024     Mandatory supplementary application deadline: January 26, 2024 at noon ET
HEALTH SCIENCES	ı	l =			
Bachelor of Health Sciences (MNS)		English     Mathematics (one of     Pre-Calculus, Calculus, or     Statistics)     Biology     Chemistry     One non-math, non-science, non-technology course	Min. 90% required for consideration     IB: Min. of 36	240	<ul> <li>Application deadline: January 15, 2024</li> <li>Mandatory supplementary application deadline: February, 2024</li> <li>Details: bhsc.mcmaster.ca</li> </ul>
Midwifery I (MY)		English     Biology     Chemistry	Min. 75% required for consideration     IB: Min. of 28, competitive average of 33	45	Application deadline: January 15, 2024 Students must complete a Casper test on one of the dates listed on the Casper website, as well, complete the Identity and Admissions Survey by February 1, 2024. In recent years an average range in the mid- to high-80s has been required to move forward to the admissions interview stage. Interviews are by invitation. Students must obtain a minimum grade of 75% in each of the required courses as well as their overall average. Out-of-country applicants must hold permanent residence or Canadian citizenship.
Nursing I MN (McMaster University) MNM (Mohawk College)		English     Mathematics (one of     Pre-Calculus, Calculus, or     Statistics)     Biology     Chemistry	• Min. 85% required for consideration • IB: Min. of 33	150 (per site)	Application deadline: February 1, 2024     Students must complete a Casper test: nursing.     mcmaster.ca/prospective-students/admission

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Level I Program (OUAC Code)	Upper-Year Majors	Required Courses*	Anticipated Admissions Range**		Notes and Additional Requirements
HUMANITIES			Harrigo		
Humanities I (MH)	Cognitive Science of Language Communication Studies English & Cultural Studies French Global Peace & Social Justice Greek & Roman Studies History iArts (Integrated Arts) Justice, Political Philosophy & Law Linguistics Media Arts Philosophy	• English	<ul><li>High-70s</li><li>IB: 29</li></ul>	480	
Music (MM)		English	• Min 78% required for consideration • IB: 29	20	Music auditions take place between February and March 2024
iArts (Integrated Arts) (MHI)		English	• Min 78% required for consideration • IB: 29	40	Electronic creative submissions deadline: February 1, 2024
SCIENCE					
Chemical and Physical Sciences (MPS)	Actuarial and Financial Mathematics     Astrophysics     Biodiversity and Environmental Sciences     Biology Core     Biology Research Specialization     Physiology     Physiology Research Specialization     Biology and Mathematics     Biology and Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour	English     Chemistry     Mathematics (must include Pre-Calculus and Calculus)     Physics	• Mid- to high-80s • IB: 33–35	100	
Environmental and Earth Sciences (MEE)	Chemical and Physical Sciences Chemical Biology Chemistry Environmental and Earth Sciences Environmental Sciences Human Behaviour Autism & Behavioural Science Specialization Early Childhood Education Specialization	English     Mathematics (one of Pre-Calculus or Calculus)     One of: Biology, Chemistry     One of: Pre-Calculus,     Calculus, Biology, Chemistry,     Physics	• Mid- to high-80s • IB: 33–35	85	
Life Sciences (MLS)	Origins of Disease Specialization Sensory Motor Systems Specialization Mathematics and Statistics Mathematics Specialization Statistics Specialization Mathematics and Computer Science Mathematics and Physics Mathematical Science Medical and Biological Physics Molecular Biology and Genetics Core Research Specialization Neuroscience	English     Mathematics (one of Pre-Calculus or Calculus)     Biology     One of: Pre-Calculus,     Calculus, Chemistry, Physics	• High- 80s to low-90s • IB: 34–37	1,000	
Mathematics and Statistics (MZ)	Physics Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour Mental Health Specialization Music Cognition Specialization Sustainable Chemistry	English     Mathematics (must include Pre-Calculus and Calculus)	• Mid- to high-80s • IB: 33–35	300	
Honours Integrated Science (MIS)	Optional concentrations include:  Biology Chemical Biology Chemistry Environmental and Earth Sciences Environmental Sciences Mathematics and Statistics Medical and Biological Physics Physics Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour Sustainable Chemistry	English     Mathematics (must include Pre-Calculus and Calculus)     Two of: Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Min. of high-80s required for consideration     IB: 33–35	60	Application deadline:     January 15, 2024     Mandatory supplementary application deadline:     February 1, 2024     Details: science.mcmaster.ca/isci
Kinesiology (MV)		English     Mathematics (must include Calculus)     Biology	• High-80s to low-90s • IB: 34–37	250	

#### **Undergraduate Degree Programs (continued)**

Level I Program (OUAC Code)	Upper-Year Majors	Required Courses*	Anticipated Admissions Range**	Target Enrol.	Notes and Additional Requirements
Medical Radiation Sciences (MRS)	Radiation Therapy     Radiography     Ultrasonography	English     Mathematics (must include Pre-Calculus and Calculus)     Biology     Chemistry	• High-80s • IB: 33–35	115	Out-of-country applicants must hold permanent residence or Canadian citizenship.
SOCIAL SCIENCES					
Social Sciences I (ML)	Anthropology     Economics     Environment & Society     Health, Aging & Society     Indigenous Studies     Political Science     Public Law & Judicial Specialization     Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour     Mental Health Specialization     Music Cognition Specialization     Social Psychology     Social Work     Society, Culture & Religion     Sociology     Work and Labour Studies	English	• Low- to mid-80s • IB: 30–32	855	
Economics I (MLE)	Economics     Economics (Specialist Option)     Economics & Computer Science     Economics & Mathematics	English     Mathematics (must include Pre-Calculus and Calculus)	• Low- to mid-80s • IB: 30–32	125	OE.W
Health & Society I (MLH)	Aging & Society     Mental Health & Addiction     Specialization     Health & Society     Mental Health & Addiction     Specialization	English	• Low- to mid-80s • IB: 30–32	60	

To learn more about international curricula and specific admission requirements, visit: future.mcmaster.ca/admission/

#### **English Language Proficiency Requirements**

The chart below lists English Language Proficiency tests accepted by McMaster, along with their respective minimum score requirements. Typically, the English language proficiency test result must be written within two years of starting at McMaster.

You will be required to submit an English Language Test if you have not:

- Resided in an English-speaking country for at least four years immediately prior to September 2024; OR
- Attended an English-medium educational institution in a full-time academic (non-ESL)
  program for at least four years immediately prior to September 2024. Official documentation
  from the school is required for this exemption. The admission committee reserves the right to
  require an English Language Proficiency Test at its discretion.

English Language Test	Requirements for entry to level I	MELD requirements	STEP requirements
Duolingo	Minimum overall score of 120	• MELD Minimum 75–114	STEP Minimum 115–119
International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS)	Minimum overall score of 6.5     Minimum score of 6 in each of the four components: reading, writing, speaking, and listening	MELD minimum: 5.0	STEP overall score of 6.5     STEP minimum score of 6 in reading and writing, and minimum score of 5.5 in speaking and listening
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)	Minimum overall score of 86     Minimum score of 20 in each of the four components: reading, writing, speaking, and listening	MELD minimum: 70	STEP overall score of 86     STEP minimum score of 20 in reading & writing, minimum score of 16 in speaking, and minimum score of 11 in listening

For a complete list of acceptable tests and their respective minimum scores, please visit: future.mcmaster.ca/english-proficiency/





mcmaster.ca/diploma

MELD is an eight-month, academic bridging program designed for international students whose primary language is not English, and who are looking to improve their communication skills to succeed in an undergraduate program.



meld.humanities. mcmaster.ca/step The STEP certificate program is an intensive six-week academic bridging program designed for Englishlanguage learners who wish to pursue undergraduate studies, and almost meet the university's language proficiency requirements.



meld.humanities. mcmaster.ca/model MODEL is a free service designed to help undergraduate and graduate students whose first language is not English.

<sup>\*</sup>A course can only be used to meet one specific admission requirement per program.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Estimates are provided as a guide, based on information available as of July 2023 and are subject to change.

# **Common International Curricula**

Curriculum	Requirements	Course Equivalences
American Style	<ul> <li>Five Grade 12 / Senior academic subjects or a combination of equivalents from IB or AP will be used to calculate an admission average.</li> <li>Grade 12 English / English Literature required for all programs.</li> <li>AP Challenge exam with a minimum score of 4 or 5 may be used in lieu of one science/math requirement.</li> <li>Applicants are not required to take either SAT or ACT but may submit if it strengthens their application.</li> <li>Upon request, students presenting AP courses to fulfil program requirements (or requisites) may be required to present official AP Examinations results with minimum results of '3' via the College Board to finalize their admission.</li> <li>Please visit our website to learn more about which courses will satisfy our math and science requirements: future.mcmaster.ca/admission/process/curriculum-requirements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Four years of high school Mathematics including Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus (either AB or BC exam) or equivalent = Calculus</li> <li>AP Stats or Gr. 12 Stats = Statistics</li> <li>Pre-Calculus = Pre-Calc</li> </ul>
British Patterned (GCE, IGCSE, GCSE)	<ul> <li>Five academic subjects, including three distinct GCE Advanced Level(A2)/International 'A' Level subjects and two distinct GCSE/IGCSE/ 'O' level subjects, will be used to calculate an admission average.</li> <li>English/English as a Second Language accepted for English requirement except for Humanities. Humanities requires ordinary (O-level) English or Advanced level (A2) English.</li> <li>All math required courses must be presented at the A2 level. Please refer to our website for program specific requirements: future.mcmaster.ca/apply/requirements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A Level Math = Pre-Calc &amp; Calculus</li> <li>A Level Further Math = Pre-Calc, Calculus &amp; Statistics</li> </ul>
French Baccalaureate	<ul> <li>Six academic subjects will be used to calculate an admission average</li> <li>Applicants will be considered for admission on their 'Bulletins' (with results on 20) for Première and the first trimester of Terminale or, if already completed, on their final 'Bac' results</li> </ul>	Mathématiques (Première) = Pre-Calc & Statistics     Mathématiques Complémentaires (Terminale) = Pre-Calc     Spécialité Mathématiques (Terminale) = Calculus & Statistics     Sciences de la Vie de la Terre (SVT) (Première) = Biology     Physique-Chimie (Terminale) = Chemistry     Physique-Chimie (Première + Terminale) = Physics
CBSE/CISCE	Predicted grades in five Class XII academic subjects will be used to calculate an admission average	Class XII  Mathematics = Pre-Calc & Calculus Note: Applied Math is not acceptable.
Chinese National Curriculum	<ul> <li>Five Senior 3 high school academic subjects will be used to calculate an admission average</li> <li>Huikao/Academic Profiency Test results must be submitted with the exception for applicants in provinces where Huikao/APT is not offered or for applicants without permanent residence/household registration</li> <li>Confirmation of writing the Gaokao. If an applicant is not writing the Gaokao, they must submit a formal explanation. Confirmation of participation in either SAT or ACT may be requested.</li> </ul>	Senior 3  • Mathematics = Pre-Calc & Calculus
International Baccalaureate (IB)	B Diploma Program Six academic subjects – three at HL and three at SL, plus the TOK and EE Bonus points – TOK and EE are added to the total score for admission consideration  B Certificate Courses Applicants applying with IB certificate courses (either HL or SL) may be considered for admission, provided they will complete a high school diploma from a recognized curriculum	SL Analysis & Approaches = Pre-Calc & Calculus SL Applications & Interpretations = Pre-Calc & Statistics HL Analysis & Approaches = Pre-Calc, Calculus & Statistics HL Applications & Interpretations = Pre-Calc, Calculus & Statistics
CAPE	<ul> <li>Four subjects, three of which must be at CAPE Unit 2</li> <li>English – will accept the best of the following: CSEC/CXC or CAPE (Caribbean Studies/Communication Studies)</li> <li>No individual grades lower than III will be accepted and most programs require grades of I and II as minimums.</li> <li>All science required courses must be presented at CAPE Unit 2.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unit 1 &amp; 2 Pure Math = Pre-Calc &amp; Calculus</li> <li>Unit 1 Pure Math = Pre-Calc</li> <li>Unit 1 &amp; 2 Applied Math = Statistics</li> <li>Note: Integrated Mathematics is not acceptable.</li> </ul>
Other International Curricula	If you are completing WAEC examinations or Maple Leaf World School curriculum, please visit: future.mcmaster.ca/admission/process/curriculum-requirements If you are completing any other curriculum, please visit: future.mcmaster.ca/admission	

#### How to Apply **UNDERGRAD**



Refer to the Admissions Requirements chart to learn about prerequisites and any mandatory deadlines. Submit an Undergraduate Application on the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC).

Once your OUAC application and fees have been submitted, you will receive an application acknowledgement email in 2–3 business days with details on how to set up your MacID and access your application portal.

Familiarize yourself with the application portal and review your application checklist. If we need supporting document(s), it will be listed here.

#### Which Applicant Portal Is for You?

	Current Ontario High School Students	High School Students Outside of Ontario
Eligibility	Students currently studying the Ontario-based high school curriculum (going to obtain an OSSD by June 2024).	All other applicants:  Students studying any other curriculum other than the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.  Transfer students, mature students, second degree students, out of province students, etc.
Applicant Portal	mosaic.mcmaster.ca	admissions.mcmaster.ca

Admission policies, and deadlines, are as of July 2023 and subject to change without notice. All programs have enrolment limits and may become full prior to published deadlines. The University reserves the right not to accept, process or adjudicate applications, or amendments to applications, at any time.

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